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YUGOSLAVIA: Ethnic Albanians Protest in Kosovo

About 10,000 ethnic Albanians in Serbia's Kosovo Province demonstrated yesterday against Serbian party chief Milosevic's attempt to oust two popular Albanian provincial leaders, Kacusa Jasari and Azem Vlasi. The protesters demonstrated in the provincial capital despite efforts by local militia units and leaders to turn them back; no injuries were reported. Jasari tendered her resignation, but the provincial Central Committee, which met yesterday, has not yet accepted it, according to press reports. Organizers of a massive Serb demonstration in Belgrade tomorrow are warning participants to be peaceful.

The Albanian demonstration was the largest—and the only really organized one—since major riots in 1981, and it reflects Albanians' growing fear and resentment of Serbia's moves to reduce Albanians' authority in Kosovo. Jasari, in particular, probably will lose her position as province party chief, increasing the chances of further Albanian demonstrations and violence. The Serbian demonstration in Belgrade tomorrow probably will be peaceful unless yesterday's protest greatly inflames Serb nationalism.

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